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March 5: 1936.

Left Paris 8.05 arrived Marseilles 7.15 P.M.
Sailed on "Providence" at 12 noon Mar. 6.
Arrived Alexandria about noon Mar. 10
left at 12 noon Mar 11.

Weather beautiful & sunny, warm on deck.
Leaving Marseilles windy. Avoided sea sickness.

At Alexandria natives met boat. had all sorts of things for sale, beads, bracelets, bead bags Turkish delight, oranges figs &c.

A stray man removed a chair that had been securely fastened around his body and did other tricks. Another man had 4 young chicks made them disappear and appear. We were well entertained. 28 British war vessels in harbor.

The unloading by natives was picturesque as well as skillful. The next morning the 11th the loading of cargo was just as interesting.

Mar. 12. Reached Jaffa harbor and took a small motor boat ashore in a quiet psych

sea. A big native with a red fez attached himself to us and our bags. He asked 2 5 Shillings as tip but we gave him 9, a little more than the regular printed price. He and all porters of were most annoying.

Through a Miss Dickson an English Jewish social service worker who met another worker, a price was arranged for a car to bring us to Jerusalem for 60 Piastres. We paid 45 for the two of us. Again a dispute arose but we left the chauffeur.

The trip by car was thrilling seeing the rolling country, treating arabs with camels, many of them also donkeys in groups a singly. Leaving Jaffa we passed big orange groves. The stony hills made one wonder how anything could ever grow

We passed Ramlah and other villages and reached the Y. M. C. A. in 1½ h.

The Y. M. C. A. is beautiful, modern comforts but the architecture is quite oriental. Mr. Miller met us and was very cordial

Shortly after reaching our room I took a bad attack of lumbago. Even so we went to the church of the Holy Sepulchre and visited the tomb of Christ. That was very impressive. Even if it is a question of this being the exact spot it made one devotional and feel that one was really on holy ground. The tomb is on one side of a small enclosure, door so low that I had to stoop. About five people fill the one side beside the tomb which is the full length. Many lanterns and other ornaments adorn the walls and ceilings One backs out. Outside there are quite thousands of lanterns & incense lamps hung around the tomb. At the main entrance there is a stone on which it is said that the body of Christ lay for the anointing. As worshippers enter they kneel and kiss the slab. It has

huge candles and big lanterns around it. There was a Catholic service being held in a side chapel.

The walk through the Jaffa gate and David street was full of interest. The street goes down so one takes one or two steps on level a stepping, then a real step down all the way to the first opening on the left which is level, on to the first arch then to the right down a narrow street to steps which lead to the church. Beggars and guides are numerous. The shops, all small, near the church, have candles and religious souvenirs and others as well as religious. On David St. there are all kinds of shops, the opening is the width of the small shop and articles around the three walls. Some are so small that there is little more room than for the shop keeper in the center.

Mar. 13 & 14

Mar. 13. Friday. Hank is up but cannot go out as pain is severe and walking difficult.

I went alone through streets to Damascus gate then through the Via Dolorosa. It is a hill with steps and even if not the exact street Christ walked it impressed me as being as near the actual street and of the same formation that I felt sorrowful for the Christ.

The next special spot was the Wailing wall. The stones are huge and it is just a big stone wall. In crevices are papers stuffed full in pants put there by worshippers. The real sounds of wailing were not evident this first visit but the having.

Mar 14. Sat. Hank still suffering so went around the old city through old picturesque streets, again to the church of the Holy Sepulcher

Mar 15. Sunday. Hank better so we went to the

Mar. 16.

Scotch Presbyterian church, a nice simple service where the congregation sang heartily and the minister Dr. Ross gave a sincere talk.
Mr. and Mrs Cackle took us to church. Mr C. is a Y. M. C. A. worker. They are from Cleveland. Mr & Mrs. Miller also of the Y. went along.
Frank got worse so stayed off when we returned and as a result his hemorrhoids got worse. Sunday evening we went to a religious play here "Whither goest thou?" It was well done.

Mar. 16. Monday. Frank cannot walk.

I went alone around the city, outside the wall. At the gate of the Lady Mary or St. Stephen's gate I went into the city to the church of Ste Anne at right - passed by the Seminary of the Peres Blanc, through the garden and at the left to the entrance of the Pool of Bethesda. I saw the part where the an Alsatian monk 35 yrs. in Jerusalem guided me. pool was divided for people and animals but did not go down the 30 feet below to the actual pool when Christ healed the sick man who had no one to put him in the pool and who had been ill for 38 years (John 5. 2) and was told to take up his bed and walk. This was on the Sabbath day. This pool is believed to be authentic. The city is all much higher than at the time of Christ and the pool is at the lower level. From the moslem cemetery on the hill leaving St. Stephen's gate there is a fine view of the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, Tomb of the Lady Mary? Absalom's Tomb, Zacharas tomb, the river Kedron in the valley and City of David, Ophel. Siloam is down below us is the old aqueduct so is invisible from above. The pool of
On these roads outside many camels, well laden as well as donkeys with their arab escorts gave the impression of ages past.
I was quite tired but so happy to have seen the

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Jerusalem 2500 ft above sea-level.

spots where Christ must have been.

Mar. 17. Tuesday. Frank better so we went to the old city, walking slowly, and bought a sun-helmet for Frank & lumbago medicine, a German remedy Hexophan, similar to Atophan Cruet. The first bottle of tablets has helped Frank.

In the afternoon we both went out and Frank started a little oil and I a drawing, mine looking towards the old wall near Jim Gate showing Church of Dormition, back of which is the Tomb of David Olive trees in the foreground. We were just back of King David Hotel which is across the road from Y.M.C.A.

Called on Miss Jan Macdonald a Y. worker to whom Agnes Peter gave us a card of introduction. She is Scotch, but here over 3 years room across hall from ours.

Mar 18. Wed. Frank some better. We went to the old town this morning also to Barclay's Bank. Fine sunny weather. Mrs. Crackle & Mrs. Miller

Mar. 19 & 20.

gave a tea at Y. and invited me. There were about 20 women. I met a Canadian from Fort William who married a Christian Arab. She has a daughter of 7. Just about 6.30 my left ankle pained me severely. Went to bed at 8.30 quite miserable.

Mar. 19. Thurs. in bed all day on orange diet.

Mar. 20 Friday. Left Y at 8.30 with two ministers Mr. Plankenhorn & Mr. McKinney. Ankle better.

Just outside Jerusalem we passed the Tomb of Samuel on left & birth-place of Saul on right. ~~Bord~~ Tribe of Benjamin

Ramah, all this section is of the tribe of Benjamin

Sight of ruins of King Asa's city as King of Judah.

El Beeroth, Benjamite town. It was here where his parents missed Jesus and turned back to Jerusalem and found him in the temple. 9 miles from Jerusalem.

Mar. 20. Friday.

"Friends" boys school on left, ruins everywhere
At right road to Bethel, Jacob's dream here.
New radio towers at left to be dedicated Mar 30
Many stone watch towers everywhere.
Beit Jeit on right large stone village
Jifna in the valley, ~~Ophna~~ of Josephus on left, ruins of an old
church & village. Robber's well sight here.
Shiloh, Sinjil near, halting place of
Raymond of St. Giles 12th century.
Wadi Yetmah, green fertile valley
Tomb of Phineas near here also
of Elezear high priest father of Phineas
At the village of Askar (Sychar)
is Jacob's well where Christ met the woman
of Samaria. Mr. Blankenhorn, one of the two
ministers with us on this trip sat on the
well with Mr McKinney and Frank. I sat on a
chair as he read the story from his Bible.
The well is in the crypt of a Crusaders

Mar. 20.

chapel. One goes down steps which
makes the level of the well as it should be.
We think of it as in pen fields. A mark
guards it and lowers candles on a tray
to show the water. He offered us a glass to
drink the water. We did not drink it even if
it looked clear and pure. Well is 80 ft. deep
Half a mile north is Joseph's tomb
Joseph was sold into Egypt at Sychar
or Askar. This is the parcel of
ground purchased by Jacob from the
Schechemites and bequeathed to Joseph
Nablus or Shechem 41 miles
from Jerusalem (17,000 population)
They still sacrifice animals here
The arc of the covenant stood near here.
This is in the province of Samaria.
This is all fertile land in this part
Pillars of Herods Collonade and remains of

March 20.

Ahab's ivory house.

From high hills we looked at sand dunes of Caesarea and the Mediterranean Sea

The Plain of Esdraelon is a fertile stretch of land 10 or 12 miles average width where battles of the future are prophesied. Mount Tabor in distance.

Dothan where Joseph came seeking his brethern and they sold him to the Ishmaelites. passing by for 20 pieces of silver

Jenin 68 miles from Jerusalem is the Ginea of Josephus. Mount Carmel a traditional place of sacrifice in distance which was a sort of neutral ground in early days

Jezreel. scene of battle between forces of Saul & Philistines where King Solomon was defeated by Philistines

March 20.

Mount Tabor on right where Saul consulted the witch of Endor the night before his death.

Mount Hermon. snow capped in the distance.

Nazareth - Mary's home is shown in the chapel of the Annunciation. It is like a cave in a rock and quite at a level that could be authentic. It is called Mary's kitchen but is the home of Mary & Joseph. Joseph's workshop is near. Mary's well is there. Beggars annoy one very much also people who have small things for sale. We would have liked to be quiet and think of Nazareth as the home of Christ as a boy.

Cana of Galilee on side of hill & valley surrounded by hills. Many flowers in fields. Cana is supposed to be at Kafr Kenna where the first miracle, turning water into wine, was performed.

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Plane of Ahwa where Saladin defeated Ahwa, the Crusaders in 1187.

Horns of Hattin resemble the mouth of a crater. Mount of Hattin is the Mount of beatitudes where Christ preached his sermon on the mount.

The first glimpse of the sea of Galilee was from near the mount. It was a beautiful sight: the hills on the far side the blue lake and the near hills forming a V shape against the sea. It was 3 P.M. The town of Safed at left on mountain

Tiberias a busy town of 8000 principally Jews is the first spot on the Sea of Galilee or Lake of Gennesareth 681 ft. below sea level. Baths of a water especially good as a cure for rheumatism They are at present enlarging and modernizing their small establishment.

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Sea of Galilee 680 ft. below sea level.

We had a letter to Dr. Hart from Paul Anderson. As we were before his house he was in the garden and the chauffer told us it was his home so we got out and he took us all through his interesting house He showed us relics one of a stone ring supposed to have been used by fisherman as a weight for nets. He is a fine character. From his place he pointed out Tabgha Capernaum and where the Jordan enters the Sea of Galilee also where the swine rushed into the sea.

Tabgha is the place a very near where the multitude was fed. It is now where the German Catholic Committee of Palestine has a Hospice under the direction of Father Tapper. It is a beautiful spot, many flowers, right on the sea. Fifty guests can be

(Hospice Tabgha Sea of Galilee Palestine Tel. Tiberias 17)

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accomodated. The dining room is vaulted. We had a fine view of the sea from our 3 windowed high ceilinged room. Our share of car from Jerusalem was 8 5 piast The two pastors paid some extra as they stopped to take many moving pictures.

Mar. 21.

Saw mosaics in a recently discovered spot where a building is being erected at present above the floor, 10 minute walk from the hospice. One mosaic showed the loaves & fishes, a peacock, a goose &c. A few minutes walk from here is a well under cover, large, clear water running from it into the sea. There are many bedouins camped in the hills. They have goats, sheep and chickens, plenty of children begging & selling necklaces made from the tiny shells from the shore.

March 21. 22 Sunday

Hank made a color crayon drawing and I a pencil one of the sea with hills in the west beyond. We sat near the sea in the shade of eucalyptus trees near an arab's home.

Mar. 22. Sunday.

By row boat 1 man, arab and 2 children, boys rowing, we went to Capernaum. It was an unusual trip, passing the shore where Christ taught and lived. Capernaum has a small monastery belonging to Franciscan monks. A monk guided us through the ruins of the Synagogue and a part reconstructed from stones found there, four complete pallars. We were shown the floor (part) of the home of Peter quite near the synagogue. The ruins revealed where a street had been and it is lined with carved stones. The carving is of eagles, two lions quite distinct, heads gone, half life size motifs of leaves 7 branched candles &c.

March 22. Sunday.
" 23 Monday.

We were towed back on a lovely sea. The morning was wonderful. Hank filled a little bottle with the water near Capernaum. Five were in the boat & cost was 7 piastres each. Hank wrote after lunch and I bathed my feet in the lake quite near an eucalyptus grove. We paid 55 piastres each. pension Mar. 23. Monday.

At 8 we were on the hill. 10 minute walk to get bus to Tiberias. The arab charged us 5 piastres each. 3 P. is the price. We changed to the Jerusalem bus and waited till 10. Just outside the town there was engine trouble. 173 Kms from Tiberias & Jerusalem. We stopped for lunch at a small village where we preferred bananas buns and chocolate & the meat etc served in the small restaurant. We enjoyed passing through the places we saw more leisurely

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" 24 Tues.
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on our way up. About 3/4 way back the bus finally refused to go. Fortunately a Haifa bus picked us up arriving at 4 P.M.

March 24. Tuesday.

We went to Wailing Wall and through old city together.

Mar. 25. Went to Mount of Olives by car 1 P. each. one other passenger. El Bur is German for Mount of olives. It is a small Arab town. a mosque at one side. 2680 feet above sea level. We passed the war cemetry. well kept with flowers on graves. In 1860 Titus pitched his tents on this spot for the final assault on Jerusalem. Next we passed the Hebrew University and Jewish National Library. The Olive Trees are very rugged and old, perhaps from shoots from the time of Christ. There is a wonderful

March 25. Wed.
" 26 Thurs.
" 27 Fri.

view of the Dead Sea and the river Jordan and the desolate hills, a real inferno but fascinating. Bethany is on the side of the mount opposite the side facing Jerusalem. Hawk painted and I started a drawing looking towards Jerusalem with Olive Trees in foreground. After lunch we both worked back of the Hotel St. David which is across the road from Y. M. C. A where we are staying. City wall and olive trees as subject.

March 26. Thurs.

Went to Health Office on order by a card from them as we had neglected to look at card given us upon landing which informed us to do so within 3 days of arrival. Worked again on subject of wall & olive trees.

March 27. Friday (nose bled)

Mount of Olives again, with Mr. Plankenhorn. 4 in taxi 1.50 Francs each

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" 28 Sat.

Sun hot, weather always fine. Continued same subjects. Bought rosaries made from the pits of olives from the mount. An arab sold them and kept children from annoying us by getting in front of us. We spent a happy morning and took bus back for 1 P. each. Drawing started Friday and continued on Saturday.

Mar. 28. Sat.

Took bus at Damascus gate for Mount of Olives and finished our work started each. After lunch went to the Street of the Chain passing from one end at Jaffa Gate (David St.) to the other of the old city, very active all through with little shops one after another so Hawk lost heart for work in such a busy spot and left. I started a view of the street with near arch and distant one and many figures. A cafe patron helped to keep children away. It is all Arab but at the nearest corner is the street leading to Wailing wall in one direction

and in other direction is the corner of street for entrance to the Temple of ~~Dome~~ Al-Haram Al-Sharif. At 6 45 it was getting dark so I hurried through the long busy street & the gate and reached Y. M. C. A. in 35 minutes safely. This happened yesterday but written on Sunday so I made a mistake of day as I went again alone on Saturday. This was the Jewish holiday and many went to the Wailing wall. About 5 three Jews stopped to look at my drawing and the Arab patter ordered them to move on. The Jews were so angry that I feared trouble so hurriedly closed my book, gave the Café man 5 piastres for taking care of me and left. As I was near the Wailing Wall I went for the 4th time to see it. There were a great many saying their prayers, men at far end and

women at entrance end. Quite a few of the men had velvet or satin long coats and hats with velvet or cloth crown and skunk or dark fox fur around it making a large bushy cap. They leave the side of their hair by ears long, often in a night many have long beards. They are picturesque. The mooning of prayers and bowing from side to side and forward was pronounced in crowd, more than on other days I was there. From there I went through the street of the Chain to where one turns to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre as I like to visit it often. I went up on the roof through a narrow stairway to the Abyssinian church but did not enter it. It was evening and mysterious. The Abyssinians were crowded out of the church below. A priest was in guard who spoke English.

Mar 29. Sunday.

Mar. 29. We went to the Temple Area "Al Haraime Al Sharif" (august Sanctuary) and had to have a guide. Paid 20 Piastres each to enter 2.50 P. each for slippers to put on our shoes to enter the two mosques. In the first one D one of the Rock the Turkish rugs are rich, the windows beautiful Mosaics beautiful and colorful. The rock in the centre under the dome. So tradition says is the rock where Abraham offered his son as a sacrifice but was replaced by the ram caught in a thicket. It was a place of sacrifice and a hole in the centre allowed the blood to flow below. We then crossed to another mosque which is in use every day, crowded on special days. Visitors must leave by 11.30. Already at 11 worshippers were arriving. We saw them washing

Mar 29. Sunday.

their faces, hands and feet before entering to pray. This mosque Al-Aosa is long, carpeted everywhere, beautiful windows, in centre five columns on each side. When we left we went to the wall from which we had a fine view of the mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane Tomb of Absalom & Zacharias (Zacarias) & Tomb of Lady Mary.

After lunch as Mr. Blankenhorn & Mr. Hocking & we two were going out to take snap-shots of each other I took a "nose bleed" which must be good for me but caused perhaps by the high altitude. I eat only oranges for breakfast and almost no meat. We both stayed in and read and wrote for the rest of the day. I have rested in bed, writing there. Temperature 70° to 72° in shade facing north but seem very hot, a nice breeze.

Mar 30 Monday.

Ain Karem was where we went by bus this morning 1.50 P. each single fare. This is where John the Baptist was born Elizabeth his mother lived there.
The church of the Visitation is on a hill quite a long climb. We first went into a Russian chapel, in a cabinet some fine Ikons on walls. The nuns were white-washing walls, plastering where required, not a man in sight. John the Baptist lived in a wilderness in the valley, too far for us to visit the exact spot, about an hour's walk. The fountain at the foot of the hill is a busy spot with women with their water-pots. The hills are stony but the valley fertile. We saw great vistas from the tops of the hills. The morning was fine but cloudy part of the time and cooler.

Mar 30 Monday

Bethlehem was our place of interest this afternoon. We took a bus at the Jaffa Gate 1 P. each single fare. 30 min.
We passed close by Rachael's tomb shortly before reaching Bethlehem. When we arrived we went immediately to the church and found a service in a chapel at the back. Hank asked a monk, Caucasian, where we would find the manger so he took us to it and the spot marked by a star where Christ was born and the manger where Mary put him. The crude stone roof and part of walls remain but above, at one side is an altar with a statue of the virgin with many gold bracelets, gold watches rings &c left by devout catholics. The original wooden manger was transported to Rome to the church of St. Marie Maggiore where it has been shown since the 12th Century.

Mar 30. Monday.

The chapel of the innocents is close by. The grotto where St. Jerome translated the Bible was shown us by the monk, "Brother Camillus Liska, St. Catherine Convent Bethlehem". He was born at Houston Texas of Austrian parents. He was very kind in showing us all he could. He took us to another chapel, the Milk Grotto. It was there that Mary took the child when Herod ordered the massacre of the children. She was told by an angel to flee into Egypt to save the child from the massacre. It is alleged that a drop of milk fell there and the spot is held sacred. We gave the brother (50¢) piastres as a tip He was modest. He showed us the fields where the shepherds watched their flocks and were guided by the star to the stable Weather turned chilly suddenly 68° It has been 70° in shade.

Mar. 31. Tuesday.

Trip to Jericho, river Jordan & Dead Sea.

At 11 we started in the car of Rev. S. C Krikorian, he driving, with Rev. Krikorian Plankenhorn & Rev. McKinney. The weather was unsettled and the first shower fell as we were leaving. It had rained a little during the night. The day was cool and cleared but was windy.

We passed close by where Stephen was stoned to death. Hill of Evil Council Caiaphas sought advice of Jews as to how he might cause death of Jesus Hill of Offence where Solomon built heathen altars for his wives.

Bethphage where Christ started his triumphal entry into Jerusalem

As we left Jerusalem we passed looking at right, valley of Jehoshaphat Valley of Kidron & Valley of Hinon & Mount of Olives at left. All of these places are of great importance in the life of Christ

There is a Greek church, marking the place where the disciples went to get the ass for Christ to enter Jerusalem.

Lazarus tomb at left close to road steps too small and worn to dare descend.

House of Simon the Leper

Bethany is where Mary Martha & Lazarus lived.

The Apostles fountain is where the apostles tarried on their way to Jerusal

From Jerusalem to Jericho there is a descent of 3500 feet.

The House of the good Samaritan is in the midst of desolation. An inn has always marked this spot.

We took the old Roman roads short cut to Jericho but very steep and rough. We passed by Rock Cherith where Elija was fed by the ravens. The scenery is rugged, desolate, beautiful blue mountains in distance, golden light on near barren hills

Jericho. Near the ruins of the old city there is a gushing spring, fountain, this is the water that was bitter and made sweet by Elisha The ruins are just a heap of stone and dust with some formation of walls here and there. Much excavation has been and is being done. We found several pieces of pottery which we kept. We had lunch beside the ruins in the shade of them with the beautiful valley of the Jordan and the new city in view. It is a fertile valley, palm trees, banana trees, orange and lemon trees and many other tropical

trees and fruits. We passed by the large Sycamore tree which may be from a shoot of the tree Zacchaeus climbed into that he might see Jesus as he passed.

The formation of the land near the Jordan and for some distance was very peculiar and looked quite as though it might have been under water in ages past. This whole district was most interesting The Hills of Moab and the Mount of Temptation were in view. We passed where John the Baptist lived on locusts and wild honey.

We reached the Jordan and walked to the traditional spot where Christ was baptized. The Rev. Krikoria

baptized both Rev. Plankenhorn and Rev. McKinney at this spot. They had always had a desire to be baptized in the Jordan river.

The water runs swiftly and is not clear as the earth mingles with it. Shepherds brought their goats and sheep to drink while we were there. It was a beautiful sight in the warm sunshine The temperature was around 80°. Cool for that part.

We crossed the Allenby bridge quite near and went into the Trans-Jordan for a few minutes.

Next we retraced our steps to Jericho and then went to the Dead Sea. It was a beautiful blue and as it was nearly sun-set the hills & mountains

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wider a rosy mauve. I washed my hands in the water and they remained salty and wet. The taste of the water was very salty and bitter, it almost burned the tongue. We gathered a few stones. Frank took a small bottle of water at both the Dead Sea and the river Jordan, the latter he boiled as well as the small bottle of water from the Sea of Galilee but not the Dead Sea water.

We returned by the good new road reaching Jerusalem just after 7, after dark. The whole day was one never to be forgotten

April 1. Wed.

Visited old town both morning and afternoon. While at the church of the Holy Sepulchre we went up on the roof where the Abyssinians have

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their church as well as several others. There are families living in this upper part which seems to be very little visited by outsiders. We saw a man having his arm tatooed. By the faces he made he must have suffered as the needle entered his skin.

We again visited the Wailing wall and went through the old streets which are always fascinating. We bought two brass finger bowls which have the designs in inlaid silver. It was an amusing purchase as the shop-keeper spoke no English. An outside neighbor helped him with English and Lunch. From 70 piastres he came down to 50 p. He ran after us after we left having refused to pay 60 P. They love to bargain and we too often pay their first price. He even said that 40 P was for the shop keeper and 5 for himself.

April 2. Thurs.
" 3 Fri.

Ap 2. We both worked near the Sion gate in morning and afternoon. It was chilly

Ap. 3. We again worked near the Jaffa gate all day. At the Armenian Church near by we saw a funeral of one of the brothers. The high priest orthodox, not Catholic was in gorgeous robes and the monks or brothers were in black with black silk hoods over their heads and they all carried candles. The casket was open and we saw the face of the monk, quite aged. They all wore beards and leave their hair long in a knot at back.

We visited the church which is very ornate, much mother of pearl inlay and blue & other colored tiles, much gold

Ap 3 Fri.
Ap. 4 Sat.

a brass open work, many paintings many silver lamps hung from ceiling hundreds, I should think. The altar was quite golden. While there a woman came in on her knees and advanced the whole length of the church to the altar in this manner. As she prayed she kissed the golden cushion in center at her side.

All of the windows of the convent were barred, in court and facing street. It all looked very old.

Ap. 4. Sat.

Rested in bed till 11.30. Temp. 12.30. 65° C 18°
at 7 P.M. 53°
In afternoon both worked outside the city wall not far from Jaffa gate. I made a small drawing of the Mount of Olives with a corner of the city wall in foreground. Frank made a color crayon of the Kedron valley showing the hills beyond the Dead Sea in distance.

April 14. Tues.

This climate a the forced walks or too tense living all take ones energy so I have none left fo writing notes. We have had most interesting days. We have returned to the mount of Olives and worked on the spot where Christ paused and lamented over Jerusalem on his way to the garden of Geth-semane just below where we sat. The view of Jerusalem is beautiful A shepherd and his flock came near us and the sheep were so tame that they came so close that I could pet them, they were so woolly and clean. They all had the fat tails It seems that they can live on their own fat for some time if necessary. The natives consider this fat as a

delicacy. It is quite a big chunk and has a small tail in the center, the whole mass swings as they walk. There were two goats with them. Often there are several goats with sheep There are flocks of black goats or with a little white.

We have been to Bethlehem three times. The last time, during holy week and special service was being held by the Greek Orthodox priests. I noticed as I made a drawing of the entrance to the church of the Nativity that the women all went in to the church but did not come out. They nearly all wore the high headdress with a long flowing white veil hanging down their back, not over the face. It seems that this headdress dates

the time of the Crusaders.
After I had finished I entered the church and found great numbers of women and children at a service, all at the front of the church. The children played around quietly, made little groups. The white veils in groups with others in dark colors and the lights from the many candles around the cross all covered with wreaths of flowers made a wonderful picture. No matter how the women moved there remained always a good arrangement and fine composition.

I again went to the chapel of the Nativity and manger. On the way at the left were many women and children sitting on matting

Temperature at 2:30 P.M. 65°
9 P.M. 39°

on the floor. There were no men. The rough stone remains on the ceiling of the manger but all the surroundings are so ornamented that the simplicity of the spot does not exist. After this I again went to the chapel where Mary took the child and saw the vision that warned her to flee with Him into Egypt.

When Frank finished his painting of the Shepherd's fields from Bethlehem we went into the church together and enjoyed the picture of the women of Bethlehem at worship.

Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Y.M.C.A. couple who used to live in Paris are here. They are friends of Mr. and Mrs. Crackle also Y.M.C.A. workers. They live at Solonica and are taking

April 18. ~~Friday~~ Sat. Temp 76° at 9.30 a.m. 80 " 3. p.m.

We received an Easter card by air mail from the Williams and Clayton added a line saying that our dear friend Vilette Crosby had died from pneumonia. Tues 17th. She has been in my mind ever since. I will miss her terribly. She had a beautiful character.

This is our last day. This morning we both went to the old city to look for sandals to go with the Abaya and striped shirt Frank chose as a costume as nearly as possible like what Christ must have worn. We did not find anything. We were so amused to see shoemakers using for Bedouins old automobile tires for the soles and ~~parts~~ of rubber tubes for upper parts or for straps. I did enjoy a last visit to the old city. There are many views I would like to etch but the children are numerous and terrible. We looked at a carpenter shop with a vaulted rough stone

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roof just what one would imagine was like what Joseph worked in. The wood was roughly hewn but in one corner there was a machine which gave the age of to-day.

There were many shoe-makers, brass workers, iron workers, clothes makers all or nearly all in their own sections and many working in rooms open only in front, facing the souk and poorly lighted.

As I write Frank is packing, finding it a problem how to get things in. We will have two extra parcels, one Frank's sun helmet. That hat was very necessary for the sun-shine was very hot at times.

We are going again to Ain Karim where John the Baptist was born and raised Mrs. Crackle asked us to go with them Mr. C. and Mr. & Mrs. A. M. Chesley to tea there. It is a very nice trip in the bus and a

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beautiful view of the valley.

Last evening we went to a Cinema at the Y. a charity affair and saw Grace Moore in "One night of love". We enjoyed it.

Hank is going to a concert by the Scottish regiment here, at the Y. I will go to bed as we leave by auto at 6 a.m.

I made several little drawings this week and wish I could make more. There are many places we have not seen but we have a pretty good idea of this city and the country and customs, just as we have looked at the people.

Our share, half the car, to Haifa is 18 shillings. The train is slow. We have not taken it at all. It is used more by the people living here.

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